

REMARKS

It is requested that this amendment be entered since it places the case in condition for allowance and/or reduces the number of issues on appeal.

The Examiner has previously indicated the allowance of claims 21 and 22 which are directed to the HfO_2 species. As indicated, each of the independent claims has been amended to limit the Markush group to the allowed HfO_2 species and to the Ta_2O_5 species. It is respectfully submitted that the latter is not disclosed nor suggested by the prior art.

For all of the foregoing reasons, all of the claims presently of record are in condition for allowance and such action is requested.

If there are any further fees required by this communication not covered by the enclosed check, or if no check is enclosed, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. 34176.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 
Joseph J. Corso, Reg. No. 25845

1801 East Ninth Street
Suite 1200
Cleveland, Ohio 44114-3108

May 27, 2004